Seconded by Mr. Sesha Iyer.

Carried.

Section 52.

The President observed that this Section gave power to the Government to exempt any part of Travancore from the operation of certain provisions of the Regu[illegible]on. He said that, unlike British India, the conditions of the people in all parts of Travancore were, more or less, similar, and that he therefore doubted the [illegible] such a provision for a country like Travancore.

Mr. Subba Iyer accordingly moved that Section 52 be omitted and that the [illegible]ding Section be numbered as 52.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Kesava Pillai moved that the following Section of the draft Bill which was omitted by the Select Committee, be inserted as Section 52.

"(1) An undischarged insolvent obtaining credit to the extent of fifty rupees or upwards from any person without informing such person that he is an undischarged insolvent, shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

Undischarged insolvent obtaining credit.

(2) When the Court has reason to believe that an undischarged insolvent has committed the offence referred to in sub-section (1), the Court, after making any preliminary enquiry that may be necessary, may send the case for trial to the nearest Magistrate of the First Class, and may send the accused in custody or take sufficient security for his appearence before such Magistrate, and may bind over any person to appear and give evidence at such trial."

Seconded by Dr. Poonen.

Mr. Sesha Iyer said that the penal provision was unnecessary, as it was too much to expect from undischarged insolvents that they would go about telling persons, from whom they wished to obtain credit, that they were such insolvents. He said that the Section, as it stood, would equally apply to debtors, whom their creditors knew to be undischarged insolvents but who did not make the representation themselves, and that it was undesirable to make such omission penal. He therefore moved that the suggested provision be not inserted.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Iyer.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill, as amended by the Council, be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Iyer.

Carried.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Iyer stated that, before the Bill was finally read and passed, it was necessary to insert, in Section 1, a date from which the proposed law should come into force, and he proposed that the words "1st Chingom 1090" be added between the words "the" and "corresponding" in line 5 and the words "17th August 1914" at the end of the Section.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Iyer then moved that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

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